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SUBJECT: VISA ASSISTANCE FOR MR. ALEXANDER AND FAMILY

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOTED THAT CHRISTAIN CHANT ALEXANDER, SON OF NEW CPAO

BERLIN, WAS BORN IN THE FRG. HI PLACE OF BIRTH IS UNDOUBTEDLY
INDICATED IN HIS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AS "GERMANY"

2. FORSOME MONTHS, THE GDR HAS TRIED TO HAVETHE USG CHANGE THE
DESINGATION OF PLACE OF BITH IN US PASSPORTS FROM " GERMANY" TO
EITHER " FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY" " GERMAN DEMOCRACIT REPUBLIC",
OR " BERLIN", I.E. WEST BERLIN, ON THE THEORY THAT AFTER THE END OF
WWII AND THE CREATION OF BOTH THE GDR AND THEFRG THE TERM
" GERMANY" IS INACCURATE. IN REF C., THEDEPARTMENT INSTRUCTED THE
EMBASSY TO ADVISE THE GDR MFA THAT THEDESIGNATION " GERMANY" WOULD
NO BE CHANGED, WHICH INSTRUCTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE
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OFGDR VISAS TO EMBASSY STAFF ND DEPENDENTS , WE HAVE

EMPLOYED THE PHRASE "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY" FOR PLACE OF BIRTH OF PERSONS FOR WHOM SUCH A GEOGRAPHIC DESIGNATION IS ACCURATE IN COVERING DIPLOMATIC NOTE AS WELL AS IN THE GDR VISA APPLICATION CARDS ON THE THEORY THAT THIS IS A LOCAL DOCUMENT THAT HAS NO CONNECTION WITH U.S. PASSPORT REGULATIONS. EMBASSY ATHENS SHOULD EMPLOY SUCH TERMINOLOGY IF IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. (WE HAVE NOT HAD TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF SOMEONE BORN IN WEST BERLIN. IF SUCH WERE THE CASE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE NOTE AND THE APPLICATIONS USE THE TERM "WEST BERLIN".) HOWEVER, WE HAVE REFUSED TO CHANGE "GERMANY" TO "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY" IN THE PASSPORT.

4. EMBASSY ATHENS MAY ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THIS "BIRTHPLACE" MATTER IN PERSUADING THE GDR EMBASSY TO ISSUE A VISA TO CHRISTIAN. THEY MAY OFFER A VISA ON A SEPARATE SHEET ("ANLAGE") WHICH, UP TO NOW, WE HAVE REJECTED.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: THE QUESTION OF VISAING BY THE GDR OF PERSONS WHO WERE BORN IN THE FRG OR WEST BERLIN AND WHO ARE STAFF OR DEPENDENTS OF THIS EMBASSY IS NOW ONCE AGAIN A LIVE ONE. WHILE "ANLAGE" WOULD CLEARLY BE UNDESIRABLE, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE GDR MAY ONLY AGREE TO SUCH VISAS IN THESE CASES. THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUESTED TO BE SENT TO BOTH BERLIN AND TO ATHENS ON WHETHER IN THE LAST ANALYSIS SUCH A SOLUTION SHOULD BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED. MR. ALEXANDER AND CHRISTIAN PLAN TO TRAVEL TO BERLIN ON AUGUST 25. POLANSKY

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